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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Address of welcome.
3. Response.
4. Introductory sermen.
5. Appointment of committees.
   - (*a*) Committee on hours of meeting.
   - (*b*) Committee on Finance.
   - (*c*) Committee on Resolutions.
   - (*d*) Committee on Reception of new churches
   - (*e*) Committee on Officers.
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   - (g) Committee on Divine service.
   - (*h*) Committee on Associational High School.
6. Report of Executive Board.
7. Report of Missionary Board,
8. Report of High School Trustees.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Address on Education.
12. Address on Sunday-School.
13. Address on Home Mission.

Proceedings.

The Johnston Missionary Baptist Association met in its Thirty-First Annual Session with the St, Mary's Baptist Church of Wilson's Mill, N. C., on Thursday morning, October, 12th. 1916.

Rev. William Ellerbee, the Moderator, called the meeting to order promptly at 10 o'clock, A. M. The opening service was conducted by Rev. W. A. Sanders and H. E. Clark, their first song was from No. 375, "Oh! for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free" etc., Rev. H. E. Clark, read the scripture lesson from 2nd. Peter, 5: and led the waiting audience in solemn prayer. The 2nd. Hymn, was from No. 378, "Oh! for a closer walk with God" The prayer and praise service was continued for an hour with appropriate remarks by Revs, J. H. Crow, N. L. Horton and others, at the conclusion of prayer service, Moderator called for the customary welcome address.

The Pastor of the Church, Rev. W. A. Jones, D. D. was absent at that moment, Rev. H. E. Clark, a local ordained Minister, who held his membership with the St. Mary's Church, came forward and extended a hearty and satisfying welcome to the church and all its comforts. also to the homes of his people. Bro. J. W. Holt, on the part of the Sunday School joined in the hearty welcome. Dr. L. W. Lowell, Pastor of the A. M. E., Church. captured the host with a strong address, inviting all to make themselves at home, that the doors of his people was then standing open for all who would come, etc., [See Dr. Lowell address in appendex]. Bro. S. R. Vinson, Superintendent, of the A. M. E., S. S., joined the welcome

with appropriate remarks. Rev. R. J. Johnson and Bro. A. F. Sanders, made happy respond to the several addresses of welcome.

The Introductory sermon was next on program. Revs. W. H. Mitchener and H. D. Sanders, took the pulpit for that service. An appropriate divine service was had, sang, No. 231, "There is a fountain filled with blood" etc., This selection was beautifully rendered by the St. Mary choir, scripture was read from Ephe. :4 Rev. J. A, Jones led in prayer, congregation sang, "I am thine O! Lord" etc. Rev. W. H. Mitchener, preached strong and logical sermon from Exodus, 13: 10, to-wit; "Thou shall keep this ordinance from year to year" etc., The sermon was truly impressive and stirred the souls of men. Rev. H. D. Sanders led the prayer, congregation sang "I'll be present when the roll is called"

Revs. J. W. Jones, D. H. Little, took collection of $4.50. Rev. J. B. Barbee, of Union Baptist, paid membership fee of 50c. making total collection, $5.00. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Melton.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

Divine service led by Revs. N, L. Horton, A. A. Mitchener, sang, No. 837, "All things are ready come" etc. scripture lesson was read from 37th, Psalms, prayer by Rev. D. H. Little, congregation sang, No. 938, "Come let us join our friends above"

Moderator declared the meeting open and ready for business. Minutes of morning session was read and approved.

Roll of Delegates.

Fayetteville St.—Rev. M. F. Jones, Silvia Jeffres, Seaton Hinton.

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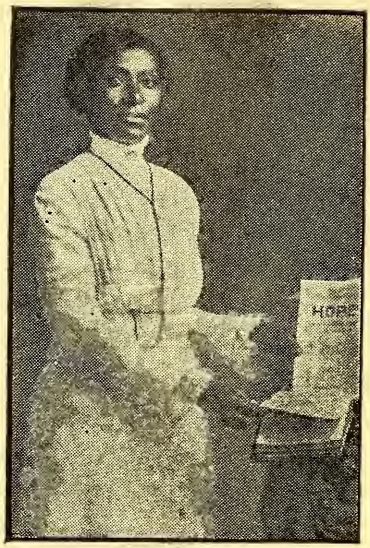

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port. Report was adopted. (See report in appendix).

Next on program was the preaching of the Educational sermon. Rev. H. R. Holt, assisted by Dr. W. A. Jones, was in charge of the Educational sermon. 4th, chapter of Ephesians, was read, Rev. M. L. McKoy, led the prayer, congregation sang, No. 155, "Just as I am" etc. Rev. Holt, preached strong sermon from Psalmes, 8:4; "What is man" etc. also Gen. 1:26, Theme; The Dominion of man" The sermon was inspiring and uplifting. Rev. S. W. Sowell, of the A. M. E., Church, led the prayer, congregation sung, "I've been redeemed" Revs. R. W. Underwood and I. J. Jones, took collection for Education, $28.81. Those paying above 25c. as follows: Rev. R. W. Underwood $1.00, W. A. Jones $1.00, M. L. McKoy $1,00, W. M. Sanders $1.00, H. D. Sanders $1,00, J. E. Houcutt $1,00, M. F. Jones, $1.00, G. R. Pair $1.00, Seton Hinton 75c. H. J. Smith $1.00, W. F. Kornagay $1.00, Q. C. Mial $1. Wm. Ellebee $2.50, C. H. Dunn $1,00, John Richardson 50c. A. L. Walker $1.00, John Hannock 50c Lula Holden 50c. Will McSwarn 50c. R. S. Sanders 50c. W. H. Horton 50c. James Williamson 50c. R. J. Johnson 25c, Robert Merrett 50c. H. C. Clark, $1.00, Calvin Cook 25c. A. A. Mitchener 50c. W.A. Clark $1.00, H. M. Jones $1.00, A. T, Price $1.00, J. C. Melton $1.00. A. A. Heartly $1.00, Hardy Pair 50c. N. A. Clark $1.00,

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Friday Afternoon Session.

Was open with divine service led by Revs. Wm. McSwain and Major Watkins, sang, No. 559, scripture lesson read from Luke, 21st. Rev. McSwain led the prayer, congregation sang, "Is thy heart right with God" etc.

Rev. J. W. Jones, Dr. S. W. Sowell and Dr. S. N. Vass, speakers on the "Necessity of giving time and money in support of the gospel" These men give much needed advice on the important subject.

Sister Chanie Auston, of our Fayetteville St. Church, of Raleigh, was introduced. She spoke of her zeal for christianity, and right living, and said; she was a friend to Schools, and christian Education. Her talk was inspiring, and when she had concluded she presented to the Association, $6.11, which she said she had gathered to help the Association with its Educational work.

Committee on officers made their report, [See report]

Committee on Resolution submitted their report, this report after having been discussed, failed of adoption, and was referred back to the Committee.

Moderator appointed the following as Committee on revising the Constitution, who would consider certain questions appertaining to the Constitution mingled in the report of Committee on Resolution, Committee on Constitution as follows:

Rev, H. .M Jones, W. A. Sanders, M. G. Watkins

Committee on next place of meeting made report, (See report).

The Treasurer made his report. Auditor made his report, (See reports).

Rev. D. S. Saulter, of the Wake Baptist Associa-

tion, was introduced and made welcome to the privilege of the house,

Benediction by Rev, M. G. Watkins.

Friday Night Session.

Was open with divine service conducted by Revs. J. A. King and J. R. Hinnant, sang, No, 46, "Welcome sweet day of rest" etc. Scripture lesson was read from 90th. Psalms, prayer offered by Rev. J. A. King, the people sang, No. 449, "Must Jesus bear the Cross alone" etc.

. Sister S. A. Mial, handsomely entertained the audience with an address on Foreign Mission and what she was trying to do for dark Africa, and she asked that Africa be remembered in the contribution of the Association. Her appeal was touching and will be long remembered.

At the close of Sister Mial's address, congregation sang, "Jesus loves me" etc.

The program called for preaching to-night by Rev R. W. Underwood. Rev, Underwood was on hand ready for his task with a pleasing smile on his face, and when he had been appropriately presented, He preachd a strong soul up-lifting sermon, from Matt. 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" etc. The Rev. stressed the fact that the christian must shine or be a "Light-holder" must shine continually, must shine among strangers and friend, in all conditions of life, etc, to do this he said; they would glorify our Father in heaven.

Congregation sang, "O! do not let the word depart" etc.

Rev. Hartly and Bro. William Jones, took collection of $7.01,

Rev. Ellerbee, the Moderator, and Bro. H. R. Goodson, was elected delegates to State Convention.

Committee on Constitution made their report.[see report].

After some pleasant remarks by Dr. W. A. Jones, the meeting adjourned, benediction by Rev. R. W. Underwood.

Saturday Morning Session.

Was begun with devotional exercises led by Revs. H. M. Jones and W. P, Sanders.

Sang, No. 196, "Come holy spirit" etc, read scripture lesson from 24th. Psalms, prayer by Rev. H.M. Jones, congregation sang, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" etc.

Minutes of last night session was read and approved.

"The importance of a well directed SundaySchool and its Beneficial uplift to the people of each Church" was discussed by Rev. H. R. Holt.

"The standard of giving to the several objects of work" was discussed by Revs. J. C. Melton and H. M. Jones, Dr. S. W. Sowell, who made strong appeal for ample support of the Association Training School.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, Rev. R. S. Sanders, lifted a collection of $3.00,

Motion carried that $2.00, be donated to Rev. William P. Sanders.

Benediction by Dr. S. W. Sowell.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

Was open with song and prayer by Revs. A. A. Mitchener and G. R, Pair.

Sang, No. 228, "Alas! and did my Saviour bleed" Read for scripture lesson, 1, Cor. 2: No. 260 was sung, "Wake by the trumpet sound" etc.

Minutes of morning session was read and adopted.

Committee on Education made report. (See report).

Bro. W. D. Sanders, handsomely entertained the audience with logical and instructive address on the "Duty of all the churches to Education, and their Training School located at Smithfield, N. C.," And when he had finished his helpful talk, he presented to the Association, $5.30, that he had gathered for the School.

The Association gave the good Bro. a hearty vote of thanks for his generous effort for the School, and upon motion was recognized as Financial Agent for the School.

Notice was given that a Literature Concert would be held to-night, conducted by Rev. H. R. Holt.

Adjourned, Benediction by Rev. A. J. Jones.

Sunday Morning Session.

Was open by divine service led by Sisters, Rebecca Sanders and Roberta Bunn.

This day is known to the Association, as The, "Woman's Home Mission Day" They have charge of their own program. Their President of the Home Mission Union, Mrs. Eliza Richardson, presides.

Their Secretary was absent, so they had to scrap up one.

Hymn, No. 68, "Must Jesus bear the Cross alone" was sung, scripture from Isaiah, 52; was read, every body taken part in the reading. Sister Roberta Bunn, explained every verse as read, after which Rev. W. A. Sanders, led in a most earnest prayer. Every body sang, "Blessed assurance" etc. and the feast was on.

Sisters, Rebecca Sanders, S. A. Mial, Eliza Richardson, Caroline Webb, Frances Green, Lottie M, Holt, Joana Wiggs, Sallie Lassiter, Ellen Mitchener, Susie A. Goodson, Bro. H, D. Sanders, Andrew Powell and others; all had a little sermon ready, and by now the spiritual fires was burning, and the Gospel feast was thought to be caught, but there was more coming.

The President announced the hour had arrived for the Missionary sermon, and ordered ten minutes recess.

On reassembling, that veteran of many long years battling against sin and satan, one of Gods Ministers that every body loves; Rev. A. T, Price, was in his place to preach the Missionary sermon.

Rev. H. D. Sanders, occupied seat in pulpit.

Choir sang, "Nearer my God to Thee" etc. read Gen. 3: for scripture lesson, Rev. I. J. Jones, led the prayer, congregation sang, "Am I a soldier of the Cross"etc,,

Rev. Price, after having been suitably introduced, preached strong soul-stirring sermon, from, Mark, 16:15–16. and said unto them; "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, He that believeth shall be saved; and he that believeth

not shall be damned" The sermon was logical, and exceedingly pleasing to all.

Rev. Price being one of the old very strong gospel preachers, one that could touch the soul. The people received just what they expected.

Rev. H. D. Sanders, led in prayer. Congregation sang, "I have been redeemed".

Sisters, Dina Wall, Rebecca Sanders took collection of $14.12, [a list of names that contributed to the col. will appear in appendix].

Benediction by Rev. I. J. Jones.

Sunday Afternoon Session,

Was devoted to prayer and song. Led by Sister M. E. Byrd and Sister A. B. Vincent, 6th. chapter of Romans, was read, Rev. I. J. Jones, offered prayer. Mrs. Byrd, commented on the scripture just read.

Sister S. A. Goodson, spoke on the importance of living consecrated lives.

Sister Dina Wall said: "She was in the christian race to win, and would not stop short of Heaven" Many others took part in this joyful meeting.

Rev. W. A. Sanders and I. J. Jones, took collection of $5.88.

Resolution expressing thanks to the good people of Wilson Mill, for care and consideration shown the officers and delegates, was read and adopted by standing vote. [See Resolution].

Congregation stood and sang, "God be with you until we meet again" Benediction by Rev. A. T. Price.

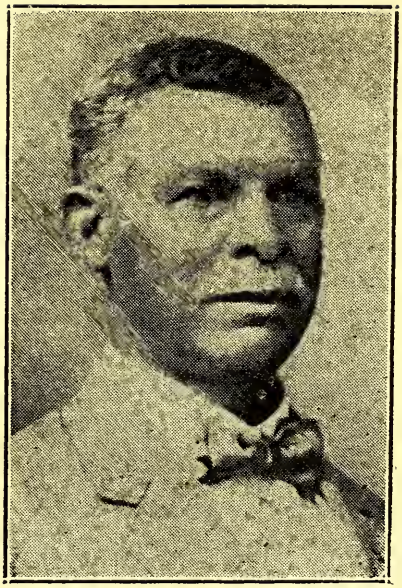
Thus, the 31st. Annual Session was closed, and in

many respects, one of the greatest yet held. Harmony, good will and Brotherly affection permeated the entire annual session, from the beginning to its close.

Dr. W. A. Jones, the pastor of the Baptist Church and Dr. S. W, Sowell, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, together with all the people of Wilson Mill section, entertained the Association Royally, and made it pleasant for all.

Rev. Wm. Ellerbee, *Moderator*.

H. R. Goodson, *Secretary*.



H. R. GOODSON

SECRETARY, Johnston Baptist Association

Annual Address

By Rev. Wm. Ellerbee, Moderator Johnston Baptist Association.

Dear friends, Ladies and Gentlemens:

[1] We are approaching the 31st. Annual Session of the Johnston Baptist Association.

[2] It might be said also that its organization was the result of prayers premeditation and deliberation on the part of men and women of our churches who desired to see a definite work done among the people.

[3] And it was distressingly apparent that little was being done by the Baptist in this direction; and worse still, the great question of Missions, was being obscured in our Churches by other interests, less vitally connected with our Church life.

[4] Our extremity have been God's opportunity to bless our work, and our refusal to look, "Neither to the right nor to the left" and to our declared purpose to know nothing among mankind but the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

[5] Your coming together to-day, in such large numbers, and from so many fields, representing such a substantial constituency, indicates in silent eloquence your thorough consecration to, World-wide Christian work.

[6] Let us then pray that our present Association and communication will intensify our interest in & deepen our devotion for this great work.

[7] And aside from the brief reference already made, we have no apology to offer for our seperate

existance as an organization, and claim the right to survive only on merit. If we are making good our pledges, the honest and economical use of the money entrusted to us, by our Baptist Churches.

[8] We have, Therefore, met for business;,on the "King's Business; and not for pleasure. For Conference, and not for controversy. Let us therefore keep our heads clear, our eyes single, our minds centered and our hearts pure, in order that we may plan wisely for the future of our great cause.

[9] We, represent Christ, and the Christ-Spirit, or we represent nothing. To represent less than this,to contend for less , makes us the blackest of hypocrites and totally unfit to represent Christianity. The re. demption of the world, the uplifting of man morally socially, politically and spiritually, without regard to race, or color is the undisputed mission of Christianity, to which every Christian is required to devote his energy.

[10] Dear Brethren; I want to call your attention to one fact. that is, concerning our Association High School. I am afraid there is a spirit to criple it, and we had better look out for that one thing. Brethren: I glory in having ministering brethren to come in our field to help us to carry on our work, but not to pull down.

[11] We have spent to much money on our School to let any body come in to destroy what we have done.

[12] For the brightest day is ahead of us, and let us push on to it.

[13] Let us understand that some are looking for our failue and not our success, in this Christian field of ours. And it is so sad that weaker brethren takes

side with those who come to bust up instead of build up.

[14] Now, if we were right to start, it is no less right to keep on to the finish, We are not selfish in working for the Master, and we want it understood so

[15] May God bless old Shaw, for what she has done, and for what she will do. But we will have to live at home before we can live abroad.

(16) Now, don't let us forget the other cause, which is equally as important, which are Missions, Home and Foreign. God will hold us for both.

(17) Dear Brethren; I have served you these many years as best I could, in my humble way, but I will leave it to you to say how best my service have been to you in your strugles, for the Master's cause.

(18) Don't let us forget our weaker Churches that are strugling for life.

(19) Brethren, we ought to adopt this plan..... Say like this: That we have in every Church, thru the bounds, a Lady or a Gentleman, to take an after collection the year round for the Associational High School.

(20) And I think the same would hold good in every Sunday-School as well. I only bring this matter before you that it may claim your consideration, if it is worthy.

(21) Brethren: We ought to raise not less than [$600.00,] Six hundred dollars. for our work this Associational year. God is blessing us with prices for our produce.

(22) God have brought us safe through this year's toil and disappointments, sickness and health, wars and pestilence seen and unseen. The God of Abra-

ham, Isaac and Jacob. And now let us bow in humble submission to Him and his cause. I am looking for the best Association in the history of our work.

God to be praised for His goodness to-ward us.

(Rev. Wm. Ellerbee, *Moderator*.

Appendix

Reports of Committees.

We, your Committee on next place of convening the Annual Session beg to recommend that the next Annual Session be held with the Selma Baptist Church, Selma, N. C..

Rev. W. A. Jones, Rev. R. J. Johnson,
" M. L. McKoy, " R. B. Jones,
Sister Roberta Bunn.

COMMITTEE.

ON RESOLUTION.

Your Committee on Resolution beg to recommend that the Association as a body, do more for the encouragement of the Associations Training School, and that when the legitimate expenses of the Association are paid, all balance of funds be turned over to the Trustees of our School for the support of same.

We further recommend, that a standing vote of thanks be given to Dr. W. A. Jones, and Dr. Sowell and members of both, Baptist and Methodist churches, for their most hearty and abundant caring for us while in their midst, and pray Heaven richest blessing may ever abide with them,

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. G. H. Peney. Bro. M. L. Watson,
Rev. C. H. Dunn, Bro. S. M. Smith.

COMMITTEE.

ON CONSTITUTION.

We, your Committee on Constitution, beg to recommend;

That, Art. 12, of our Constitntion be changed, ... That instead of the Annual Session, convening on Thursday, and closing on Sunday, That We hereafter meet on Wednesday, 10, o'clock a. m. and close Friday Night, and that the Sisters be allowed Friday afternoon and night for their Mission service.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. H. M. Jones, Rev. W. A. Sanders,
Rev, M, G. Watkins.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF JOHNSTON ASSOCIATIONAL NORMAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

At the close of term of our School for 1915–1916. your Board of Trustees met with Rev. W. A. Jones, Chairman, presiding, Bro. H. R. Goodson, Secretary. Other members of the Board present: Revs. W. A. Sanders, H. D. Sanders, M. L. McKoy, Bros. J. E. Houcutt, H. J. Smith and A. L. Wall. Bro. J. D. Jones was present by proxie.

Chairman called the meeting to order, and asked Rev. W. A. Sanders, to envoke the blessing.

Minutes of the previous session, read and adopted.

Report of the managers, and other officials of the School called for.

General discussion of the management of the School was had. It was made plain that the present management, under the co-operation with the town

graded School, did not meet the approval of the associated Churches, that under much sacrifice, had built the School, tho, it was admitted the manager, with all his assistance, was of the most highest character, both mentally and moral, and for regular graded work, their equal would be hard to find, but your Trustees found there was some grades of class work had been entirely ignored, and this was considered the essential for which the School was built.

Your Trustees arranged a conference with the white Board who seemed to have assumed control of our School, and grounds, as well as the control of the colored School of the town. The white Board cordially received us in the conference, heard our petition very respectfully. We only asked that we be allowed to select one Teacher in the School of our choice, and the Matron and give us some assistance in paying the teachers we selected in exchange for our building and ground. We felt this to be nothing but justice to the Johnston Association.

Our Association, at great sacrifice, had invested, four or five thousand dollars, in this School property, and your Trustees felt they should be allowed some little recognition in its management. We offered to assume the entire responsibility in paying the Matron, only asking help in paying the one teacher that we would select, but every request we made was refused. This refusal to our request was a great shock to us, since we knew that this same white Board was receiving annually, from four to seven hundred dollars to help in training work, our school was known as a training School; hence, this money came in their hands upon the strength of our name. However there was only left us one thing that we

could do, that was to ask them to vacate our School property. And motion carried that the co-operation formerly existing between the Graded School of the Town of Smithfield, and the Johnston Associational Training School, be desolved.

Your Board of Trustees immediately elected faculty to conduct our School under our own supervision.

Prof. J. W. Byrd, was elected Principal, Rev. Dr. W. A. Jones, was chosen as Bible Instructor, Mrs. Roberta Bunn, was elected Matron. Teacher of Music and Domestic Science, was left open to be selected later.

School work was ordered began on first Monday in November, 1916.

Rev. W. A. Jones, D. D., tendered his resignation as Chairman of Board of Trustees.

Upon motion the resignation was accepted.

Upon motion, Rev. H. D. Sanders, was elected Chairman.

It was ordered that Boarding Students be charged $7.00, per month. Day Students who do not board in the building be charged $1.00, per month.

Upon motion it was ordered, the Matron, Mrs. Roberta Bunn, should colleet the money from the Students, and keep record of all Finance of the School.

Upon motion, it was further ordered that the Chairman, Rev. H. D. Sanders, A. L. Wall and H. J. Smith, shall constitute a Committee to look after the needs, and to see that the School has sufficient supplies etc. The board adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

H. D. Sanders, CHAIRMAN,
H. R. Goodson, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Money received from Churches public collections, annual meetings etc.

	Education	*Minute Fund*	*Total*
Mt. Carmal,	$1.75	$ .75	2.50
Good Samaritian	12.75	6.05	18.80
Fayetteville Street,	.....	4.25	4.25
Clayton,	27.90	10.15	38.05
Flat Rock,	11.60	2.65	13,25
Green Chapel,	2.50	2.00	4.50
Union Baptist,	.50	1.00	1.50
Dawson Street,	.90	.90	1.80
Rogers, Grove,	4.60	5.40	10,00
Benson Chapel,	6.60	1.40	7.00
Williams Grove,	1.40	1.40	2.80
New Vester,	13.80	6.40	20.20
New Bethel,	6.40	3.20	9.60
Johnston Piney Grove	13.80	17.00	30.30
St. Amanda,	6.15	1.60	7.75
Strickland Grove,	1,55	2.45	4.00
Wake Baptist Grove,	10.00	10.00	20.00
Zoar Baptist,	.....	4,45	4.45
Oakey Grove,	16.60	4.15	20.75
Green Hill,	6,20	2.55	8.75
Galilee,	14.07	6.60	20.67
Smith Field,	25.10	15.40	40.50
Selma,	45.65	11.85	57.50
White Oak Hill,	7.16	2.85	10.00
St. John,	12.10	3.90	16.00
New Bethel of W. C.	5.65	1.90	7.55
Watts Chapel,	4.50	4.50	9.00
Lee's X Road,	.....	5.00	5.00

	Education	*Minute Fund*	*Total*
Spring Hill,	5.30	3.10	$8.40
St. Mary,	8.50	3.00	11.50
Ebenezer,	1.00	1.00	2.00
Chanie Auston,	6.11	....	6.11
W. D. Sanders,	5.30	....	5.30
Membership fee of Minutes,	7.50	....	7.50
Public Collections,	75.25	....	75.25
Johnston S. S. Convention	50.00	....	50.00
Bal. brought form 1915.	3.26	....	3.26
C.A.Duncan to W. A. Jones,	1.00	....	1.00
A. J. Jones, to W. A. Jones,	1.00	....	1.00
W. D. S. through H. R. G.	2.60	....	2.60
Percy Smith, from Dunn and Benson Churches.	4.50	....	4.50

APPROPRIATION.

E. M. Brawley	$ 2.50
W. A. Sanders	3.75
W. A. Jones	5.20
S. M. Mial, for Mission	5.00
W. P. Sanders	2.00
Wm. Ellerbee	12.30
Printing Church Letters	9.25
Balance printing Minutes	3.85
Minute covers	2.00
Stationery	4.00
Compiling minutes	18.00
H. R. Goodson, Board meeting	8.60
Printing minutes, Session 1916	50.00
H. R. Goodson, for service	4.00
H. D. Sanders, for service	30,72
Sexton, St. Mary Church	1,50
A. L. Wall, for service	5-00
Rail-road fare to State Convention	9.00
State Convention	10.00
A. T. Price	2.00
Woman's Mission	5.88
H. R. Holt, for service	5.13
Carter Hardware Co	41.50
Auston- Stevens Co	67.65
F. H. Brooks, for interest on note	95.00
H. D. Sanders, supplies for School	27.50
H. J. Smith, for service	12.00
H. J. Smith, Coal for School	9.00
Carter Hardware Co	14.55
Auston-Stevens Co	26.70
J. W. Byrd, for School desk	27.50

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg to make the following report:

Whereas, we are living in an age when intellectural improvement is an absolute necessity, & whereas, we are surrounded by such flattering opportunities for intellectural improvements, We believe it therefore, to be our unbounded duty not only to improve our own minds, but the minds of the young men and women of the present, and to put forth strenous efforts for the improvements of those yet unborn:

Therefore, Be it resolved; That this Association, pledge its allegiance to the Educational work in its bounds.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, Chairman,
A. F. Smith. H. R. Holt,
W. F. Kornegay,
COMMITTEE.

NAMES OF THOSE WHO PAID 25cts. IN SUNDAY MISSIONARY RALLY.

Jeanette Alford, Frances Green, H. R. Goodson, Mary Colier, Mrs. Joana Wiggs. Q. C. Wall, Eugine Barley, Hezikiah Watson, James R. Patterson, C.H. Sanders, Carrie Sanders, S. A. Goodson Mary Finch, Miss Little, M. D. Goodson, Mrs. Vincent.

Dr. Furlong 50c. Lizzie Nance, 50c.

FOR ASSOCIATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

W. D. Sanders and Rev. W. H. Mitchener, $1.00 each. Dea. M. A. Clark 50c. Mr. Nathan Pucket, 15c The following paid 25c. each. Mrs. Sarah H. Sanders, Dea. I. J. Sanders, Mrs. Sophia Sanders, Mr. W. L. Johnson, Mr. James Pucket.

Total $3.90, other money, $140, Grand total $5.30

By W. D. Sanders.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Oct. 16, 1915.	W. A. Jones	$	7.35
" "	Wm. Ellerby		22.50
" "	C. L, W. Smith		10.00
" "	W. A. Sanders		2.00
" "	J. E. Houcutt		12.00
" "	A. L- Wall loan and expenses		12.00
" "	Sexton of St. John Church		1.50
" "	H. D. Sanders		104.40
" "	Balance on printing minutes		9.50
" "	Programs		4.00
" "	Express on minute Covers		2.00
" "	Stationery		6.50
" "	Compiling minutes		18.00
" "	Printing minutes		45.00
" "	Secretary expenses		6.00
" "	H. J. Smith loan to Association		10-00
" "	H. J. Smith over drawn		16.65
" "	H, J. Smith expenses		6.00
" "	H. R. Goodson		10.00
" "	Rand & Lawrence		50,00
" "	R. J. Johnson		3.00
" "	H. D. Sanders		2.50
Nov. 11, 1915.	F. H. Brooks		75.00
Total disbursments		$	435.90
Amount received from Association		$	438.16
Amount on hand		$	3.26

COURSE OF STUDY FOR ORDINATION

Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, United State History, English, Grammer, Geography, Scripture, Theology, [systematic], Benediction, The Church, by Harvey, Deacon-ship, by Howell: Church Discipline by Hiscock; Homiletics by Broadus; Moral Philosophy and History of the Baptist Denomination.

All applicants for ordination to preach will be required to pass a satisfactory examination upon the above studies. We desire respectfully to ask the Churches belonging to this Association not to license any applicants to preach the Gospel until he passes a satisfactory examination upon the following studies: Spelling, Reading, Writing, Fundamental Principle of Arithmetic, English Grammer and Primary Geography. Course of study produced by the Ministerial Board by order of the Association.

BY-LAWS.

Section 1. All moneys sent from churches, societies and individuals shall be acknowledged in the minutes of the Association.

Sec. 2. Before the final adjournment of this Association all funds, notes, etc., shall be counted by the Finance Committee and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall give the Finance Committee a receipt for the amount placed in his hands.

Sec. 3. No missionary or agent of the Association, shall be Treasurer.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall refund all money paid out otherwise specified in the Constitution.

Sec. 5. After the expense of the Association shall have been paid, the remaining Association funds shall be applied to such purposes as the Association shall direct: Provided, that the funds sent in for education, home and foreign missions, be held by the boards subject to the order of the respective boards.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall turn over to his successor all funds, notes, books and papers belonging to the Association as soon as his successor shall give bond as specified in the above section.

Sec. 7. Should the newly elected Treasurer in any case fail to qualify, the Finance Committee shall retain the funds and be held responsible for the same until a Treasurer, to be elected by the Association or the Executive Board, shall qualify.

Sec, 8. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make annual reports to the Association.

Sec. 9. The duties of the boards provided for in the Constitution shall be such as are usually performed by such boards in other similar bodies.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be denominated and known as "The Johnston Baptist Association."

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall in strict conformity with the New Testament. It shall be its duty to encourage education, to establish and support an associational high school within its bounds. Said school shall be under the control of a board of trustees elected by this Association, consisting of 9 members, and shall be elected so that the term of office so expire after the first year of two members, the term to expire after the second year of two members, and the term to expire after the third year of two members, after the fourth year three members, and so on, until this article is changed. But each member, after his term shall expire, shall be eligible to re-election; Provided, the Association shall fill all vacancies at each of its annual sessions, and shall require a comprehensive report annually from said board of trustees.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to two or more delegates. Ministers who are members of Missionary Baptist Churches in good standing, may become annual members by paying 50c. at any annual meeting: Provided, ministers who aided in the organization of this Association shall be considered members so long as they remain members in good standing in any Missionary Baptist Church.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an ac-

count of the condition of the church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the term.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be elected annually by the Association. In addition to these there shall be elected annually by the Association an Executive Board of seven, an Education Board of nine, a Home Mission Board of five, and a Foreign Board of five members; Provided, that the Moderator and the Clerk be *ex-officio* members.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberation of the body. to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committee, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any question undiscussion after others have spoken, or when called upon. to give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches,

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the purpose for which they were collected. He shall not pay orders drawn on the Treasurer except it be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of the Association.

Art. 9. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates

appointed for the purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any church or churches that neglect to preserve good order.

Art. 11. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privilege of the body save that of voting.

Art. 12. The annual session of this body shall convene on Wednesday, 10, A. M., before the third Sunday in October, of each year, and at such a place as this body may elect, and close on Friday evening.

Art. 13. The ministers composing the Association shall hold 3 ministerial meetings a year in such place as the brethren may designate.

Art. 14. We will receive no minister into the Association but those who have good moral characters.

Art. 15. Each church connected with the Association may continue its membership by each church paying 25c. annually for each of its members, 5c. for general funds, 20c. for Education.

Art, 16. Baptist missionary societies within the bounds of this Association may become members of this Association by sending voluntary contributions. Each society shall be entitled to one delegate.

Art. 17. By appointment of this Association, there shall be preached during each annual session, an introductory, educational doctrinal and missionary sermon.

Art. 18. One day during each session shall be set apart as woman's missionary day, and that they

shall have charge of special program of their own , but all money raised on womans missionary day, shall go into the general Association funds.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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Total	Incidental Expenses	Poor	Minute Fund	Repairs	Total	Education	Orphans	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Sum total of all Church expenses and contribution	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	House of Worship
170	23 00	25 00	$9 20	$ 46	$129 80	40 50	$ ..	$ ..	$ ..	$ 61	2	1	1
200	40 00	10 00	10 00	.....	260	25	....	....	50	310	2	1	1
126	8 67	7 85	6 30	.....	145	13 70	....		....	175	3	.	1
230	65 00	35 00	11 15	.....	165 50	11 50	...	....	....	275	.	2	1
36	....	....	1 80	.....	61 80	4 50	....	....	....	175	1	.	1
83	5 00	2 00	4 15	.....	123 15	16 60	....	....	....	123 15	3	1	1
116	113.	....	5 80	2 20	453 70	3 50	5	10	....	1,500	2	.	1
108	30 00	5 00	5 40	.....	142	....	....	....	....	.....	.	.	1
29	3 00	....	1 45	.....	54 45	2 30	....	....	....	.....	.	.	1
21	....	1 00	1 05	....	61	1 50	....	....	....	.....	2	.	1
29	30 00	8 00	1 75	75	220	2 75	....	30	....	140	.	1	1
64	44 00	8 00	3 20	25	224 50	8 10	6 15	....	....	224 50	2	3	1
64	....	7 00	3 20	200	279	3	....	....	....	255	.	.	1
72	....	2 00	3 60	72	152 55	....	....	....	....	250	.	.	1
67	30 00	10 00	3 35	.....	108 35	4 45	....	6	....	.....	.	.	1
19	5 00	10 00	6 35	.....	146 15	9 45	....	....	....	150	1	.	1
20	5 00	3 00	1	5	99	1	....	..	....	60	.	2	1
37	12 00	14 00	1 85	65 25	108 83	1	1	....	....	110	1	1	1
55	....	....	2 85	.....	125	2 75	....	....	....	100	1	.	1
18	5 00	2 00	90	25	82 90	1 35	....	....	....	85	1	.	1
46	10 00	5 00	3	20	135 26	3 10	....	4	....	145 26	1	1	1
61	1 20	4 00	3 05	.....	108 25	....	....	....	....	.....	.	2	1
53	...	....	2 65	.....	52 65	....	....	....	....	53	1	1	1
29	1 50	....	1 75	.....	78	....	....	....	....	80		.	1
35	50 71	9 60	6 75	.. ..	217 60	18 35	....	9	....	246 46	2	.	1
35	10 00	....	1 75	.....	73	7	....	....	....	87 75	.	1	1
21	...	....	1 05	25	67	....	....	....	....	66	.	1	1
05	4 00	19 24	15 25	13 50	351 99	19	....	....	....	375	1	1	1
91	20 00	....	2 90	160	282 85	2 50	....	20	....	377 85	.	1	1
00	24 00	16 00	20	265	415 82	20	....	37	....	525 77	.	.	1
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